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WASHINGTON, DC -U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) issued the following statement applauding Governor David A. Paterson for signing legislation today that could lead to hundreds of new jobs at Remington Arms' Ilion, NY facility:

"I would like to commend Governor Paterson for signing this legislation today. Remington Arms makes some of the finest firearms products anywhere in the world and boasts probably the hardest working and most dedicated workforce that I have ever seen. Removing this unnecessary roadblock will make Remington even more prepared to compete for future federal defense contracts and directly lead to job creation in our region.

"I firmly believe that the role of government is not to create jobs, but to create an economic climate where businesses like Remington Arms have the opportunity to grow and create jobs without the government standing in their way. Increasing competition for federal defense contracts is a win any way you look at it-it saves taxpayer money, it provides our soldiers with the best possible equipment, and it brings the opportunity for more work at Remington Arms right here in Ilion."

This new law, strongly advocated for by Arcuri, amends existing statutes to allow firearms manufacturers to build, possess, transport, and dispose of firearm suppressors (silencers) in New York State for governmental and law enforcement use. Current law detrimentally affects Remington Arms by not allowing the company to work with the federal Department of Defense in any testing, evaluation or manufacturing of silencers, which restricts the company's ability to compete for defense contracts. Once removed, Remington will be able to bring firearm silencers into its Ilion, NY facility to perform vital research and development, which currently has to be conducted in another state, making them even more prepared to compete for future defense contracts that could be worth hundreds of millions of dollars and add 200 new jobs in Ilion, NY.

Also today, Arcuri met with representatives from Remington Arms' parent company, Cerberus, at his Washington, DC office to discuss [other ways he can assist](#) in their effort to expand their expertise beyond traditional sporting firearms into long-term military capabilities, strengthening the company and spurring future economic growth in Ilion and surrounding communities across

the Mohawk Valley.

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